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Indian Navy Clashes With Troops

TROOPS FIRE ON CAIRO MOB

CAIRO, FEB. 21. BRITISH TROOPS AT THE KASR EL NIL BARRACKS IN CAIRO THIS AFTERNOON FIRED ON A HUGE CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS TRYING TO FORCE THEIR WAY INSIDE.

Huge crowds stormed the streets of Cairo, dislocating traffic.

Outside the King's residence, the demonstrators shouted expressions of loyalty to the King and such slogans as "Out with the British."

Thousands also demonstrated outside the city, demanding the withdrawal of British troops.

Associated Press adds that crowds in Alexandria beat several Europeans in the streets, wounding some.

The demonstrators seized a tram standing near the Sporting Club a few miles east of Alexandria and forced the driver to take them into the town.

The despatch added that anti-British slogans had been chanted on walls all over the city.

Student and labour union leaders today called for a general strike in the principal cities of Egypt as a demonstration of the nation's solidarity behind the demands for the evacuation of British forces from the entire Nile Valley.

Strike leaders said they expected peaceful demonstrations at universities and schools and the closing of all shops and establishments.—Associated Press.

MURDER ORGY IN BURMA VILLAGE

AN ORGY OF BAYONETTING, SHOOTING AND THROAT CUTTING OF DEFENCELESS CIVILIANS IN KALAGAN VILLAGE, SOUTH BURMA, ARE FURTHER DETAILS OF SADISM DISCLOSED BY BURMA COMMAND H.Q. IN CONNECTION WITH BURMA'S FIRST WAR CRIMINAL TRIAL WHICH IS TO BE HELD SHORTLY IN THE CITY HALL, RANGOON.

SHOWDOWN IN INDIA

New York, Feb. 21. Hinting at a "bloody showdown" before long in India, the current issue of the Liberal weekly "Nation" said in its leading editorial:

"The spectre of famine looms more and more menacingly over the country, added to the already tense political situation, may serve to produce a nationwide explosion."

The editorial held that "the British endorsement of Pakistan as a separate Moslem State would be a blow to the Indian National Congress," adding:

"This issue has blocked all the efforts of the Viceroy, Lord Wavell, to organize a representative government and it seems likely to block his new proposal for a national administration, including both Congress and Moslem League leaders to come with the food crisis. Out of its golden flask British Imperialism has raised a pest which it can neither subdue nor appease."—Associated Press.

MORE GUINEA-PIGS

Washington, Feb. 21. The atomic bomb test force has added six hogs to its target and it was disclosed that 92 vessels ranging from transports to floating drydocks will be tied to the service project.

The increase in the target fleet is accounted for mainly in amphibious craft and small merchant vessels. No additions have been made to the original list of combatant ships.—Associated Press.

Firing At Bombay Naval Barracks

BOMBAY, FEB. 21. FIRING BROKE OUT IN THE NAVAL BARRACKS IN THE HEART OF BOMBAY AS STRIKING SEAMEN OF THE ROYAL INDIAN NAVY ARMED THEMSELVES AND WERE FIRED ON BY UNITS OF THE INDIAN ARMY.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAID THE SOLDIERS FIRED ON THE SEAMEN WHEN SOME ATTEMPTED TO RUSH OUT OF THE BARRACKS IN DEFIANCE OF THE ORDER FORBIDDING THEM TO APPEAR ON THE STREETS.

Crowds of civilians attracted by the sound of rifle fire gathered in adjacent streets and police rifle squads were assigned to strategic points.

Indian soldiers in full battle kit with fixed bayonets surrounded the barracks, crouching behind trucks, pillars and other cover.

There was no gunfire from the outside of the buildings, however, and some soldiers said they believed the shooting inside the barracks was merely intended by the seamen as a warning that they were armed.

Meanwhile, violence flared in other parts of the city as crowds of demonstrators began attacking taxi-cabs with sticks and stones and compelling passengers to get out and walk.

Occasional bursts of stone throwing occurred in the streets near Bombay's town hall.

STRIKE SPREADS
Authorities of the Royal Indian Navy today ordered all men to return to their ships or shore establishments and Indian troops began arresting seamen who disobeyed following demonstrations, an Indian leader said, against alleged racial colour discrimination in the naval service.

A Reuters despatch reported the spread of the naval strike to a shore base 20 miles north of Bombay.

British Army Headquarters issued a statement saying it received reports that small arms fire from some of the Indian vessels had been directed against the dockyard. Gunfire was also heard from the Royal Naval Barracks half a mile from Castle Barracks.

A Reuters despatch said that one person was killed and 14 injured at Karachi when the military police opened fire on a launch carrying a group of striking seamen attempting to leave a ship. The seamen were said to have retained with them a large number of naval guns aboard the vessel.—Associated Press.

M.P.'S OPEN FIRE
Bombay, Feb. 21. While a miniature battle was going on inside the Castle Barracks today, Indian ratings at other Bombay naval establishments were reported quiet.

All roads leading to the battle zone have now been barred by the Police.

At Karachi, where the strike spread yesterday, today's clash developed after the military police had opened fire on the strikers. One person was killed and nine injured.

Troops were called out to guard all approaches to Karachi Harbour. More than 1,500 Indian naval ratings from three shore establishments struck work this morning and some hundreds of them demonstrated on the road leading into Karachi.—Reuters.

U.S. Flag Burned
Bombay, Feb. 21. United States Consul-General Howard Donovan yesterday announced receipt of a note from Rear-Admiral A.R. Rattray, Royal Indian Naval Commander in Bombay, expressing regret over the burning of an American flag during demonstrations by Indian naval seamen.

Donovan said Rattray advised he was having a flag made to replace the old one which demonstrators hauled down from the United States Information Office.—Associated Press.

BRITISH WHEAT
London, Feb. 21. Lord Addison, Dominions Secretary, stated in the House of Commons tonight that there was no need whatever for any alarm over the British wheat stocks.

They were quite satisfactory and there was no likelihood of bread rationing.—Reuters.

LEAVING NOTHING TO CHANCE
Washington, Feb. 21. All possible precautions of safety have been planned for 25,000 men who will take part in the atom bomb test at Bikini atoll. Medical officers assigned to the project have disclosed that a staff of 150 service doctors and scientists have been detailed to the task of safeguarding the men.

Of paramount importance is prevention of accidents from radio activity. A safety corps built around the group was present at the first test of the atom bomb in New Mexico last summer. Among vessels assigned to the atoll area are two hospital ships.—Associated Press.

HARDENING CHINESE POLICY?

SAN FRANCISCO, FEB. 21. WHEN TROOPS BEGIN TO MOVE IN CHINA IT USUALLY MEANS MAJOR DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED AND A POLICY LAID DOWN.

TROOPS ARE MOVING IN CHINA WITH AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION HELP.

The new first army is reported moving north by ship from Kowloon and General Marshall has apparently approved the movement of additional Chinese armies into Manchuria.

That approval is apparently the backbone of what looks like a firmer Chinese policy toward Russia.

These and other recent events suggest that after six months of almost complete official silence on Russia the Chinese are opening up.

The Chinese press lambasted the Yalta agreement, and the Manchurian Guild in Chungking was allowed to demonstrate openly against unconfirmed reports that Russia was going beyond her special rights.

It is probable that fresh American support has enabled the Chinese to see their way toward a firmer policy toward Russia.—Associated Press.

JURIST DEAD
Helsinki, Feb. 21. Erich Rafael Waldemar, 67, Finland's Prime Minister during 1920-21 and former Finnish delegate to the International Court at The Hague, died yesterday.—Associated Press.

Retired General Tells Them

WASHINGTON, FEB. 21. RETIRED BRIGADIER-GENERAL H. C. HOLDRIDGE DESCRIBED THE ARMY AS AN "UN-DEMOCRATIC AND UN-AMERICAN FEUDALISTIC ORGANISATION CARRIED OVER INTO THE ATOMIC AGE."

APPEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING PROPOSAL, HOLDRIDGE ASSERTED THAT THE ARMY IS "TRYING TO RAILROAD THIS LEGISLATION THROUGH ON A WAVE OF POST-WAR HYSTERIA."

He asserted: "The Army's most prominent characteristic is a medieval caste system which sets up unsurmountable barriers between officer aristocracy and enlisted man."

Its judicial system is "not a system of justice at all but a system of military discipline and punishment carried over from the days of Gustavus Adolphus by way of the British Army."

"The Army's leadership is class-conscious, ultra-conservative and absolutist" and the Army itself offers an "excellent breeding ground for totalitarianism."

Representing the Veterans League of America, Holdridge proposed the reorganization of the Army including the elimination of the "sadistic, degrading, sordid, caste system and caste system at West Point," and "pay schedules attractive enough to offer a career to those individuals recruited from military corps."

Holdridge graduated from West Point in 1917 serving in the Army of occupation in Germany and later in the Philippines. He said that he retired in 1944 because of service-incurred injury.—Associated Press.

SOLDIERS' DOGS
New York, Feb. 21. Almost 1,000 dogs have been brought to America from Europe to rejoin redeployed veterans, the army said yesterday.

The army cooperated with a private company to bring the pets here for their 4-4 masters who left them in Europe.

Each veteran pays about \$75 to get his animal back. Dog reception centres have been established at the main ports of embarkation.—Associated Press.

Duke Robbed

Oxfordshire, Feb. 21. The Duke of Norfolk, first Peer of the Realm, and the Duchess, have been robbed of jewels valued at £10,000 by burglars who entered the Duke's bedroom through the window, the police reported today.—Associated Press.

Fired For Watching Football

ILFORD, FEB. 21. SEVEN MEN, WHO WERE DISMISSED BY HENRY HUGHES & SONS LIMITED, INSTRUMENT MAKERS OF ILFORD, BECAUSE THEY WENT TO A MID-WEEK FOOTBALL MATCH A FORTNIGHT AGO, ARE TO BE REINSTATED WITH FULL PAY FROM THE DATE OF THEIR DISCHARGE.

Their case was argued before the Ministry of Labour Court of Appeal at Ilford by Mr. H. Lovell, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, who said it was regarded as a test case.

After the hearing Mr. Lovell said: "The charge of misconduct has not been upheld."

Mr. W. Gardner, Works Manager of the firm, said: "I suggested to the court that I should take the men back. A number of men wanted to go to this match. Some asked if they could go and we said 'No'. We should have lost about 200 men that afternoon."

One of the men said: "We were given no warning by the management. If there had been one, we should have observed it."—Reuters.

Govt. Release Of Sugar

SUPPLIES OF SUGAR WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IMPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA BY THE ADMINISTRATION WILL WITHIN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC AT A CONTROLLED PRICE. THE PRICE AT WHICH THIS SUGAR WILL BE SOLD WILL BE NOTIFIED LATER.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES THAT SALES FOR DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION WILL BE LIMITED TO 1-1/4 LBS. PER PERSON PER MONTH AND THAT SUGAR WILL IN DUE COURSE BE OBTAINABLE UNDER THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS.

To cater for the needs of those members of the public who hold rice registration cards, the Administration has approved sugar retailers. One sugar retailer has been appointed to cover two, in some cases three, rice districts, and holders of rice registration cards should now present themselves, together with their rice cards, at the appropriate sugar retailer for their district for registration for sugar supplies.

When registration has been completed and stocks have been distributed to retailers, the public will be able to obtain monthly quantities to which they are entitled on presentation of their rice cards and containers, to the sugar retailer with whom they have registered.

Civil Affairs and Essential Service personnel holding special rice cards will be able to purchase their supplies from their own service unit. Such Service Units will obtain their supplies from the Asia Co., 53-55, Des Voeux Road, C.

NOT FOR EXPORT
Those persons not holding rice registration cards may purchase their supplies from the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Depot at Lower Albert Road, East Point and Kowloon. Any such persons who desire to obtain sugar are required to register with the Dairy Farm. This should be done by firms and organisations submitting to the Dairy Farm a list of their personnel, together with the total number in the household not holding rice cards.

Chinese restaurants etc. will be able to obtain supplies through the Restaurant and Eating House Association whilst other restaurants etc. will be able to purchase their requirements through Messrs. Wing Tai Hong, Government Wholesalers, 6th Floor, Union Insurance Building.

So far as Manufacturers supplies are concerned, sugar will be available for the manufacture of commodities intended for local consumption, but not for commodities destined for export. Manufacturers should submit a statement of their requirements to the Department of Supplies, Transport and Industry.

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POLICE OPEN FIRE IN KOWLOON

SHANGHAI STREET, NOTORIOUS HAUNT OF THE COLONY'S CHARACTERS, WAS THE SCENE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SERIES OF RIOTS LAST NIGHT WHICH CULMINATED IN THE POLICE BEING FORCED TO OPEN FIRE, AFTER WARNING SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED.

The rioting started between rival groups of Chinese from the Chiu Chau District of Fukien (near Swatow) and Cantonese outside the Kung Yau teahouse, at 84, Shanghai Street.

Before the affair was finally settled several policemen were injured by the mob, who were armed with a variety of missiles, while two Chinese were wounded. In the course of the riot the tea-house was completely smashed.

An R.A.F. patrol tried to settle the dispute, which broke out at 8 o'clock, and was attacked by the crowd armed with bamboo, iron bars and bricks. The crowd was dispersed but formed again an hour later, when about 300 persons milled around the teahouse, opposite the Kung Chung Market.

Police were now on the scene and fired warning shots in the air when the crowd, stoned them, injuring some of the police. At 9.30 police reinforcements arrived and the mob violence increased and the police were forced to fire in self-defence.

Two of the rioters were injured and were taken to Kwong Wah Hospital. The crowd dispersed but gathered again at 10.15, only to be dispersed. Several policemen were slightly injured.

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R.A.F. Station Blown Up

Jerusalem, Feb. 21. Two British R.A.F. non-commissioned officers were seriously injured and six others slightly when a group of armed men blew up an R.A.F. radar station on Mount Carmel in Haifa.

The Hebrew press has alleged that the station was being used to detect ships bringing illegal immigrants to Palestine.

The clandestine Jewish radio "Voice of Israel" credited the Jewish resistance movement with having dynamited the station.

The radio said the raid was carried out in an effort to prevent detection of ships off shore carrying unauthorised Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

An official statement issued earlier said the attackers were fed upon while escaping after the explosion but that no casualties were noted among them. The radar station was attacked previously on Jan. 20.—Associated Press.

The Weather

To-day's forecast: Generally cloudy, with a little rain or drizzle. Chance of fair periods later.

Yesterday's temperature:—
Maximum: — 76 degrees at 3 p.m.
Minimum: — 62 degrees at 7 a.m.

Los Angeles, Feb. 21. United States Judge Paul McCormick yesterday ruled that segregation of Mexican children in school districts violates their constitutional guarantee of equal rights.—Associated Press.

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INDIA'S FUTURE

It might well be thought that something valuable has been achieved when action taken by the British Government is greeted in India with near enthusiasm. It would seem to indicate more favourable chances of successful endeavours by the Cabinet Mission announced by the Secretary of State to break the present political impasse. Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. A. V. Alexander and Sir Stafford Cripps are the members of the Mission. The views of all three on the question of self-government for India are well-known, while Indian leaders hold Sir Stafford particularly in the highest esteem. As the President of the Congress Party, Dr. Azad, said yesterday: "Whatever may be the judgment on the shortcomings of the Cripps Offer for 1945, there was no doubt about Sir Stafford Cripps' sincerity of purpose. In point of fact, that verdict applies with equal force not only to all three members of the Mission, but to the present Labour Cabinet as a whole. The position of the situation in India is, in London, a matter of extreme importance which provokes impatience and outcry in India, but whatever India's political leaders may say publicly in their appeals for support of the mission, they have been compelled to acknowledge that it is the deepest desire of Britain to give India her independence, with or without the British Commonwealth of Nations. That was provided for in the draft declaration of 1912, and that offer may still offer the key to the entire situation, if India's leaders can be persuaded to reach a common ground of understanding between themselves. The failure of the Simla Conference made it paramountly clear that the solution lies in India and not in the Houses of Parliament. The British Government cannot impose a settlement on the Muslim League and Congress Party, any more than the British Government can impose on the prerogative of Indians to draft their own constitution. It will be the task of the Cabinet Mission chiefly, therefore, to get Mr. Jinnah and Dr. Azad or Mr. Gandhi or Pandit Nehru, or any or all of them, to create the conditions for the setting up of a constituent assembly. It is fairly certain that if any procedure can be devised which meets with the approval and consent of India's party leaders, it will receive the speedy endorsement of Britain. As yet, of course, India generally has not the slightest conception of the amount of work entailed or of the number of problems that will present themselves in drafting the new constitution. The work of the Round-Table Conference, which was spread over three years, was far less complicated and beset with obstacles. And Britain's patience has for so long been exercised in awaiting a sign that India is ready to get started upon it.

GOLD MARKET

Chinese national currency opened yesterday at HK\$3.17, to CN\$1,000 for futures and \$3.55 for spot transactions, and weakened to \$3.12 and \$3.52 respectively at the close.

Gold also had a quiet day. Opening at \$629 per tael, it fluctuated within narrow limits and closed at \$631.

U.S. dollars remained steady at \$590, but both English Sterling and Australian pounds have declined, with buyers now offering only \$17.60 and \$12.50 respectively.

San Francisco, Feb. 21. The War Assets Corporation has sold some 600 million of pipe made from the invasion of Japan to three western companies who said they paid "close to \$900,000" and planned to market it in the western States. —Associated Press

Chinese First Army Leaving H.K.

THOUSANDS OF WELL-EQUIPPED TROOPS OF THE CHINESE NEW FIRST ARMY, VETERANS OF THE BURMA CAMPAIGN, ARE MARCHING DAILY THROUGH KOWLOON'S STREETS AND BEING LOADED ON AMERICAN SHIPS FOR THE TRIP TO CHINWANGTAO AS NORTH CHINA OR MANCHURIA REINFORCEMENTS.

HALF A DOZEN SHIPS WERE EN ROUTE PRIOR TO YESTERDAY AND FOUR MORE LEFT LAST NIGHT. THE MOVEMENT IS IN L.S.T.'S (LANDING SHIP, TANKS) WHICH WERE BUILT DURING THE WAR FOR CARRYING MECHANISED EQUIPMENT AND TROOPS TO BEACH LANDINGS.

The tank deck, where most of the supplies, equipment and troops are carried, is a big barn-like expanse. The ship is not taking vehicles, the troops about 200 less than the number of Japanese that were provided into some of these same ships for repatriation from China to Japan.

The Chinese troops are crowded into the big compartment, with most of them sprawling or sitting on their packs or rice bags.

Ships carrying vehicles, have been of jeeps and trucks jammed side by side into the big tank deck. Some L.S.T.'s are scheduled to be converted into "floating barracks" for the shipment of approximately 6,000 horses, one navy officer said. It will not be a new job for the L.S.T.'s; they carried horses north from Shanghai, too.

WELL-EQUIPPED

This is one of China's proudest armies. It is well-equipped, with heavy garments along for the northern climate. It has heavy firepower in artillery, mortars and machine-guns and more than 2,000 vehicles, mostly jeeps and trucks.

The troops are equipped with improvised big kettles for cooking the rice which will be the main diet during their voyage. One navy officer said that on normal facilities in one of the ships' galleys it would require eight hours just to cook the rice needed for one meal on the ship.

It won't be a pleasant trip

Admiral Joy's Canton Visit

Rear-Admiral C. Turner Joy, Commander of the U.S. Navy's Task Force 74, returned to Hong Kong yesterday from a brief visit to Canton.

Admiral Joy and three staff officers made the trip up the Pearl River in a 45-foot, high-speed picket boat.

While in Canton, the Admiral was entertained by the Mayor, Vice-Admiral Chan Chak, K.B.E., and by Rear-Admiral Liu, Commander of the Chinese Naval Forces in the Kwangtung Area. Admiral Joy and party also were guests of honour at a cocktail party given by the U.S. Naval Assistant Attaché, Lieutenant Commander Hal Noble.

In attendance at this party were Governor Lo and several members of his staff, Mr. Millet, the American Consul and numerous other Chinese, American and British personages.

On the return trip to Hong Kong, the Admiral's picket boat maintained an average speed of about twenty knots, completing the journey in just over four hours, which indicates the ease with which smaller craft may now navigate the passage to Canton.

Watchman Commended

The quick work and alertness of a district watchman was recommended by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday when a Chinese unemployed, Wan Kam, was charged with larceny of a basket of clothing from a woman on board a tram in Des Voeux Road Central near Pottinger Street on Wednesday.

It was alleged that complainant and accused were travelling on the same tramcar from east to west. While the tramcar was near the Hong Kong Bank Building, defendant grabbed the basket and jumped off the tram.

The watchman arrested accused inside a cafe in Pottinger Street.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed.

The forthcoming wedding of a district watchman of No. 146, Waterloo Road, and Miss Lily Fu, of No. 35, Tai Po Road, and Joseph Wong, accountant, of No. 138, Gloucester Road, and Miss Tang Hui-yin, of No. 21, Cheung Sha Wan Road.

I might add also that I have qualified many a pig in Gloucester. "Red Lion." No doubt Mr. Wright is familiar with this housewife, and if he more successful than he is, he would have long since been a long-haired type wandering his way from the

DISABLED SHIP ARRIVES

The a.s. Sanwater, with the a.s. Empira Ouse in tow, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

The Empira Ouse, with a consignment of wheat for Bombay on board, lost her propeller and the Sanwater went to her aid.

The a.s. Menelaus with a cargo of native products for Singapore and a consignment of cassia from Liverpool, sailed last evening.

The Keenella and Carlton are due in from Singapore tomorrow, while the Matiana is scheduled to sail for Singapore tomorrow.

KEYNES' POST

London, Feb. 21. — The Treasury today announced the appointment of Lord Keynes, British Economist, as Governor of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for reconstruction and development. —Associated Press.

Readers' Letters

PROSPERO'S PROPHECY

Sir,—Regarding Father Joy's "cautional" use of the atomic bomb, which rather omitted the inevitable consideration that no country openly admits being an aggressor may I quote George Bernard Shaw on the same subject.

It seems to me to be a more commendable appraisal of the world situation. G.B.S. writes: "Now that we, the human race, have begun monkeying with the atom, may I point out one possible consequence that would end all our difficulties?"

For some years past our too professional astronomers have been reinforced by a body of amateurs whose main activity is the watching and study of the variable stars. They have been excited several times by the sudden flaming up of what they call a new star, though it is in fact an old star, too small and cool to be visible, which has suddenly burst and blown up, leaving nothing but a cloud of star dust called a nebula. The heat energy liberated in the explosion is beyond human apprehension.

"Amazing" what has happened to these stars, and may happen to this earth of ours, is that the protons with their planetary electrons, and the heavier planetesimals of which their matter is composed, have combined, and produced a temperature at which the whole star has pulverized and evaporated, and its inhabitants, if any, have been cremated with an instantaneous thoroughness impossible at Golders Green.

"What we have just succeeded in doing at enormous expense is making an ounce of uranium explode like the star. The process, no longer experimental, will certainly be cheapened; and at any moment heavier elements than uranium, as much more explosive than uranium as uranium than gunpowder, may be discovered.

"Finally, like the sorcerer's apprentice, we may practise our magic without knowing how to stop it, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Prospero. In view of our behaviour recently, I cannot pretend to depreciate such a possibility, but I think it is worth mentioning."

R.T.O.

CRITIC'S FUNCTIONS

Sir,—The qualifications of a critic do not, necessarily, include ability in the art criticised, but rather, a comprehensive knowledge of the art and an appreciation of its various standards.

If we are to believe Mr. Wright's theories on what constitutes the qualifications of a critic, it would seem logical that all who wrote to you in the recent Sinatra-Crosby conflict should have proved their right to do so, by presenting testimonials to the fact that they could croon and induce swoons.

I am sure, if Mr. Wright's hypothesis were to be adopted, we should find extreme difficulty in obtaining critics of, for example, grand opera.

Ralph Hill would be no longer at liberty to criticise his beloved symphony, nor Edgar Jackson his jazz.

Possibly, by this literary alchemy, Mr. Wright hoped to confound the opposition?

I do not uphold the critical qualifications propounded by Mr. Wright, but I am willing to accept this challenge that my poetry should be judged by him, and by any other readers.

Mr. Wright assumes that I am familiar with Cambridgebridge. I am, indeed. He mentions the village of Grantham, its church and the mill. These places are very dear to me.

I might add also that I have qualified many a pig in Gloucester. "Red Lion." No doubt Mr. Wright is familiar with this housewife, and if he more successful than he is, he would have long since been a long-haired type wandering his way from the

PHILOSOPHY

UNTRUE PERHAPS

Sir,—If a horse really danced with an Englishwoman for seven days, as your correspondent Tommy Winkle states, it must have been a most disgusting spectacle. The manager of a grand dance hall should surely have been prosecuted both for permitting such a degrading performance and for causing the death of this poor girl. One only hopes that spectators were not allowed to witness it.

If this depraved animal had to dance, could not a map of his own size and weight have been found as partner? But perhaps it is all untrue, and this dreadful thing never happened. If it did, what is humanly coming to

DISGUSTED.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENT

Desert Rat: You would be surprised how many residents in H.K. would appreciate a guarantee of two bottles a night. This is not to deny that there is, perhaps, some complaint, but, as you say, the philosophy, that there is always someone worse off than you.—Ed.

H.K. Treason Trials

The proper meaning in point of law of the words "war criminals" or "war crimes" were explained by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Crown Prosecutor in connection with the forthcoming trials of local collaborators, at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

He said that belligerents in a war are confined by certain laws and usages of war and any breach of them by any member of an enemy force constitutes a war crime. On the other hand, a non-combatant offender, though committing the same offence, is termed a collaborator or, by the newly coined word, a "quiescent".

Mr. Silva said: "There has been a certain amount of confusion in the terminology used in newspaper reports of, or reference to, both the present trials of collaborators and the impending trials of war criminals, and it has been deemed advisable to clear up the point.

"War criminals or war crimes are referable to Japanese or enemy offenders in, or attached to, enemy forces who had committed offences against the laws and usages of war.

"The term is not applicable to non-Japanese who aided or collaborated with the Japanese in the prosecution of the war. The proper terms for these are collaborators, rencardes or, to use the newly coined words bequeathed by the Norwegian No. 1, "quiescent".

Yes, I realise how you feel about Grantham, Mr. Wright; but I still do not like your poem. We must agree to differ on this point.

None, in fact, that I have sufficiently established my knowledge on the relevant geography to be able to say that I do not consider you painted a worthy portrait of this district. And I definitely detect Rupert Brooke's influence; though it may well have been due to subconscious awareness, and entirely unintentional.

Mr. Wright avers that he is not one hundredth part as good as Brooke. Whilst I am tempted to agree with him on this point, I would venture to ask him who he expected would rise to this succulent piece of humility but?

Mr. Wright says his poems are not obscure; true, there are no hidden depths in them.

One cannot fairly criticise "Nostalgia." If it was indeed written for children, the poet has succeeded admirably.

In his letter to you, the correspondent in question takes a very smug view of himself, in comparison to his compatriots. Upon what grounds does he build his statement that the English, as a race, take no interest in poetry?

Since Mr. Wright has requested his own peculiar brand of critical qualification, here is a poem by "Philosophia." Unlike Mr. Wright I shall not ask for a poem from anyone who dislikes my work.

Water Police Stokers Fined

Three Water Police stokers were found guilty in two charges by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. On the first charge, of extorting money from Wong Yung and Cheung Chiu and threatening to expose the latter as persons keeping an opium den, all three were fined \$250.

On the second charge, that they entered No. 972, Canton Road without a duly sworn search warrant and misappropriated themselves to stokers employed by the police, their convictions were registered.

The two complainants said that on Jan. 21 the three accused entered the premises in uniforms and said that they had a search warrant. The flat was ransacked and opium pipes and money were taken. Accused threatened to take the inmates to the Police Station if a sum of \$300 was not handed over. All pleaded not guilty. Inspector Sykes who was in charge of the prosecution, said that the Commission of Police took a very serious view of the offence. Mr. W. H. Latimer replied that the Court also took the same view of the case. The opium pipes were ordered to be confiscated.

Charge Of Murdering Mother

The first murder trial since the re-occupation of the Colony will open before the General Military Court, with Mr. Leo d'Almeida presiding on Saturday, March 2, when a 27-year-old Chinese male, Lam Tim-cheung, will be charged with the alleged murder of his adopted mother.

The victim, Li Sze-kiu, 49, is alleged by the Crown to have been murdered at Kam Shan Village, New Territories, on January 12.

Mr. W. C. Hung, who has been assigned to the defence of the accused, applied for an adjournment yesterday, stating that he would like to have time to receive instructions.

The prosecution's case is in the charge of Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, Crown prosecutor.

Caine Road Hold-Up Echo

Two well-dressed Chinese, Chiu Tsang-yin and Cheung Tong-nel, who were alleged to have carried out a highway robbery at Caine Road on Tuesday evening, were brought before Mr. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Second accused was also charged with unlawful possession of a .32 revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

It was alleged that accused used a motor car and robbed an office clerk and his friend of their money and jewellery.

At the request of the prosecuting officer, Inspector L. MacKenzie, the case was adjourned until Feb. 25.

DR. SUN FO FETED

Chinese leaders and representatives of local organisations gathered at the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room last evening at a large dinner party in honour of Dr. Sun Fo.

Over 200 were present, and in a speech Dr. Sun stressed the necessity for national reconstruction through peace and democracy.

Earlier in the afternoon Dr. Sun Fo and his entourage had tea with Sir Robert Ho Tung at the latter's residence.

East River Column Dispute Still Rages

CANTON, FEB. 21. WHILE THE "TRUCE" TEAM FOR THE KWANG-TUNG-KWANGSI REGION HAS GONE INTO THE FIELD AFTER THREE WEEKS IN CANTON, THE CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER ARMED FORCES OF THE EAST RIVER COLUMN SHOULD BE RECOGNISED AS COMMUNIST TROOPS UNDER THE "CEASE FIRE" ORDER CONTINUES.

AFTER A YENAN SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS ACCUSING GEN. CHIANG FA-KUEI OF FAILING TO ABIDE BY THE TRUCE TERMS BY CONTINUING ON THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE EAST RIVER FORCES, A CANTON MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID:

"The Military Headquarters here has not received any instructions from the central authorities, the Communist Party or Executive Headquarters saying there are Communist troops in Kwangtung. Nor was there any information concerning their strength and battle order.

"The only exception came from the Communist member of the field team, Major-General Fang Fang, who said there were Communist soldiers on the East River but could not state their strength and location. We are therefore bewildered.

"We do not deny the Reds led anti-Japanese guerrillas during the war, but they are not regular armed forces, for guerrillas are not recognised units and should be disbanded in time of peace, according to military regulations. If bandits and irregulars are considered as soldiers how could the country embark on rehabilitation?

COMMUNIST STATEMENT

"There are over 200 Japanese fugitive soldiers as well as some bandits and disbanded puppet troops. Their actual conditions can be investigated."

The statement also came after the Kwangtung region committee of the Chinese Communists

Party issued an assertion that the Executive Headquarters in Peiping and the Chungking three-man truce committee had sent instructions to General Chang Fa-kuei to cease fire immediately but the General "reiterated his false statement that Kwangtung has no Communist troops but has only 'bandits'."

The Communist statement accused the Kwangtung military authorities with "lack of faith, continuance of civil war, twisting rights and wrongs and massacre of atrocities." — Associated Press.

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CONSERVATIVE M.P.'s APPEAL

Return Of Three-Power Association

Motives Of Soviet Policy

LONDON, FEB. 21. DECLARING IT IMPERATIVE THAT BRITAIN DISCOVER WHETHER RUSSIA HAS MADE UP ITS MIND "TO DOMINATE THE WORLD," FORMER CONSERVATIVE CABINET MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN URGED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT "SOMETHING LIKE THE OLD CHURCHILL-STALIN ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION BE REESTABLISHED TO RECONCILE THE GREAT POWERS."

TRACING RUSSIAN DIPLOMATIC MOVES DURING RECENT WEEKS, MR. MACMILLAN DECLARED IN OPENING A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS EXERTING PRESSURE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN "AGAINST WELL-RECOGNISED AND ESTABLISHED BRITISH INTERESTS."

JOURNALIST SUPPORTED

Seoul, Feb. 20. Lieut.-General John R. Hodge said today in a formal statement that Richard Johnston, of the "New York Times," stands exonerated of the accusation by Secretary Pak Hui-chon, of the Korean Communist Party, that the correspondent had misquoted him.

Pak had formally requested Hodge to expel Johnston from the country. Johnston said that Pak, replying to a question on a Jan. 5 conference said he did not object to a single Russian trustee on the Korean trusteeship of Korea, that he hoped for development of Korean democracy at the "Soviet socialist lines" and that this might possibly lead to the incorporation of Korea into the Soviet Union at some future date. —Associated Press.

Reorganising China's Army

Nanking, Feb. 20. Lieut.-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer to-day counselled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his top generals to concentrate on "quality rather than quantity" in reorganising the Chinese Army.

He also emphasised the necessity for modernisation and the greater efficiency of the Army. Shortly after the United States commander in China had addressed the five hundred generals, the four-day military conference adjourned. —Associated Press.

Polish Army In Italy

London, Feb. 20. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons yesterday that every effort was being made to prevent members of General Anders' Polish army in Italy from taking any political action directed at Russia or an alliance with Fascist elements.

Replying to questions concerning such charges against the Polish Second Corps, Mr. Bevin said that Government was determined to prevent "conflict with the aims of British policy."

He added that recent manoeuvres held near Ancona, on the Yugoslav border by the Poles were "routine training exercises." —Associated Press.

T. V. ATTACKED

Chungking, Feb. 20. The "China Times" to-day attacked Premier T. V. Soong for conducting the Sino-Soviet treaty "sacrificing Manchuria" at a time when it was obvious the war against Japan could have been won without Russian help.

The paper accused Dr. Soong of knowing about the Yalta agreement to reward Russia at China's expense and said he had made the sacrifice in full knowledge they would be against the will of the Chinese people. —Associated Press.

ENVOY WITHDRAWN

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 20. Foreign Minister Joao de Figueiredo yesterday announced that Spain has agreed to withdraw the nomination of Eduardo Aunon as Spanish Ambassador to Brazil.

The recent "Blue Book" published by the United States State Department, which accused Aunon of being active in transferring to Argentine German arms, through Spain, Aunon is en route to Rio de Janeiro. —Associated Press.

LORD HALIFAX'S APPEAL

CHICAGO, FEB. 21. THE EARL OF HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY SAID THE PROJECTED AMERICAN LOAN TO BRITAIN REPRESENTS AN EFFORT TO "SETTLE THE WHOLE ECONOMIC PATTERN OF THE FUTURE."

In an address before the Inland Daily Press Association, he said it would not be a loan of dollars but a credit to finance British purchase of American goods.

He said the future prosperity of the world depends largely on the free interchange at a stable rate of American and British currencies.

He appealed for continued Anglo-American cooperation and made the following observations on Britain's foreign policy:

"India's failure to obtain self-government has been due more to disavowment among Indians than to British refusal to grant India freedom."

The Palestine situation must be settled with the concurrence of the world's Arab peoples or a bloody war is possible.

British troops in Indonesia were concerned only with disarming the Japanese and liberating prisoners of war and civilian internees as ordered by the Anglo-American joint Chiefs-of-Staff.

The British are remaining in Greece for the purpose of providing a stabilising force while the Greeks choose a Government of their own in free elections. —Associated Press.

General With Passion For Ice Cream

CHENG TU, CH. 21. IF GENERAL CHANG CHUN BECOMES THE NEXT PREMIER OF CHINA HE WILL TAKE INTO OFFICE WITH HIM A LOVE FOR OUR FAVOURITE FOOD IN CHINA—ICE CREAM.

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General Chang holds three important jobs to-day—he is the Governor of the important Szechwan province, member three of the National Truce Committee with General Marshall and the Communist leader Chou En-lai, and one of the two Government representatives on the Army Reorganisation Committee to which General Marshall is adviser. Political observers pick him as the likely choice for Premier because he is the only government leader thus far who appears to be completely acceptable to the Chinese Communists.

A classmate of General Chiang Kai-shek in the Japanese Military Academy, Chang has worked hand in hand with the head of China's Government for many years. He is long the "elder statesman" w. had a powerful voice in the Chinese Government and policies over years. It is no secret that he is not only one of the most trusted of the Generalissimo's Lieutenants but that he also has the confidence of political opponents.

While relaxing socially with friends Chang has a constant twinkle in his eyes for he enjoys telling jokes, especially in English. His English is more than adequate although he does not speak the language as well as his charming Chinese wife, graduate of a Shanghai school. During official functions he can be stiff and formal but in his home there is no hint that he is one of China's most powerful figures.

His Chungtu home in which the Governor and Madame Chang live has many occidental comforts—its interior is no different from many American homes. His cook is one of the best in the province and the Chinese meals served at his table are delicious.

PARTING GIFT Governor Chang never visited the United States but his son, Philip, graduated from Cornell University and his daughter, Alley, Chang, now in Washington, with her husband, is a member of the United States Congress.

Repaired to the Berlin Mosque

Repairs to the Berlin Mosque have begun, and members of the Muslim community in Berlin, which was broken up during the collapse of Germany, are now returning, according to the American news service, in Germany. Friday services have been taking place for some time past. —Reuters.

STRUGGLE FOR MANCHURIA

CHUNGKING, FEB. 20. CHINA'S INTERNAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS HAS STARTED ANEW OVER THE QUESTION OF CONTROL IN RUSSIAN-OCCUPIED MANCHURIA.

Chou En-lai, the Communist truce negotiator, has flown to Party Headquarters at Yenan for discussions with his leader, Mao Tse-tung, while the Foreign Minister, Wang Shih-chieh, has been in protracted conference with Chiang Chung-kuo, the Generalissimo's elder son and special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Manchuria, and Chang Kai-ngau, Chungking director of Economic Affairs in Manchuria.

Wang has just returned from Nanking where he is reported to have delivered to the Generalissimo Russia's reply to China's enquiry about Soviet plans for withdrawal from Manchuria.

The "Ho Ping-pao" mouthpiece of the Chinese army, to-day charged that the Communists were engaged in troop movements inside Manchuria violating the truce signed on January 10.

Semi-official Government dispatches reported that new clashes occurred between Nationalist and Communist troops, south-east of Tientsin, and Paoting, an important town on the Peiping-Hankow railroad. —Associated Press.

May Wheat

Chicago, Feb. 20. The Chicago Board of Trade steamed trading in May wheat except for the liquidating of outstanding contracts and said that the action was necessitated by the Government's new wheat conservation order.

The prohibition on making new commitments in May wheat futures will be effective at the opening of trading on Wednesday.

The directors also ordered that on Feb. 23 there be no trading in futures contracts in any commodity or security and that trading on that day on the Exchange floor be limited to cash grain and cash commodities only. —Associated Press.

SAHRIR IN E. JAVA

Batavia, Feb. 20. Premier Sutan Sjahrir, of the unrecognised Indonesian Republic, planned to be in East Java to-day to consult with Dr. Soekarno on the Dutch proposals to establish an Indonesian Commonwealth. Meanwhile the British military authorities announced that five Dutch soldiers were killed and others wounded in an Indonesian ambush west of Bandoeng on Saturday. —Associated Press.

GAS EXPLOSION

New Orleans, Feb. 20. A police report stated to-day that two bodies have been recovered and four or five others are believed to be among the ruins of an apartment building which was wrecked early yesterday by an explosion which it was indicated was due to gas accumulation.

Thirty-eight persons have been sent to hospital and 8 or 10 persons have been listed as missing but it is not known whether the missing were in the building at the time of the explosion. —Associated Press.

Yugoslav Trials

Belgrade, Feb. 20. The Tanjug news agency reported yesterday that Allied military authorities here have handed to the Yugoslav Government 18 suspected war criminals including three Nazi generals for trial before the People's Court. —Associated Press.

BERLIN MOSQUE REPAIRS

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**DELEGATES
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New York, Feb. 20.
The Pan-American World
Airways announced yesterday
that one of its Constellation
transport planes en route to
New York with 35 members of
the American delegation at the
recently U.N.O. meeting in Lon-
don has been delayed by weather
at Gander, Newfoundland. Pas-
sengers included Eleanor
Roosevelt, Edward Stettinus,
Jr., Senator Arthur Vandenberg
and John Foster Dulles.—
Associated Press.

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**USE OF A "SOFT HAND"
Szechwan General On China Discord****New Korean
Chairman**

Seoul, Feb. 20.
The Korean press reported
that General Kim Il-sung had
been made chairman of the
"people's commissariat" in the
Russian occupation zone, north
Korea.

It was not clear whether the
commissariat was of the Korean
Government in the northern zone
or was an advisory committee
similar to the representative de-
mocratic council set up for
America's zone in the South.
Copies of the "free press"
smuggled out of the Russian zone
said that Kim Il-sung of the
Korean independence league was
listed as vice-chairman with
Kang Ryanghwan of the demo-
cratic party as chief secretary.—
Associated Press.

**Taxi Caravan Of
148 Cars**

Pittsburgh, Feb. 20.
A Chicago to Washington taxi-
cab caravan strung out over
miles of highways as bad weather,
breakdowns and lack of accom-
modation disrupted the line.

The caravan of approximately
148 cars was made up of some
350 veterans and their families,
who were driving from Chicago
to Washington to protest the
Chicago ordinance which limits
the number of taxis. The veter-
ans contend that two companies
own most of the taxis and that
their control constitutes a mono-
poly.

A spokesman said: "We are
going to camp in Washington
until we get satisfaction."—As-
sociated Press.

Sisal For Aircraft

Mexico City, Feb. 20.
Sisal fiber mixed with plastic
may replace aluminum in future
airplane construction, aeronau-
tical engineers Howard Kline
and Robert Watson predicted.
The engineers, en route to Yu-
catan to view sisal plantations,
said that sisal as a binder for
the new plastic phenol produces
lighter, more durable and cheaper
material than aluminum. They
said that it can replace other
metals and can be used in auto-
mobile, boat and other construc-
tions. "We are not talking about
schemes but about realities that
have ceased to be war secrets,"
Associated Press.

**BRITISH COMMUNIST
DEMAND**

London, Feb. 21.
The British Communist Party
to-day demanded that Britain
break off diplomatic relations with
Spain, labelling the regime of
General Franco as a "menace to
the peace of the world."
The formal party statement
added that "support given to such
regime by the British Government
in maintaining diplomatic and ex-
tending its commercial relations
with Franco is intervention on the
side of General Franco against
the Spanish people."—Associated
Press.

**China Rly.
Repairs**

Peking, Feb. 20.
Executive Headquarters to-day
announced that repairs will begin
at once on four major railways
in North China severed during
the civil war. First priority will
be granted to the Tientsin-Pukow
railway, vital north China link
connecting Tientsin and Nanjing.
The Communists have destroyed
more than 200 miles of this road.
Second priority will be given to
the Tientsin-Taiwan railway fol-
lowed by the Lunghai railway
and the Peking-Suiyuan line.—
Associated Press.

JAMAICA TROUBLE

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21.
A Canadian infantry regiment
was to-day held in readiness to
take over the essential services of
strike ridden Kingston as the
walk-out of 8,000 public utility
workers threatened a food short-
age and the paralysis of com-
munications. No signs are in sight
of settlement of the strike which
began on Friday when attendants
of an insane asylum walked out,
locking scores of inmates.
It is estimated that 35 asylum
inmates are still at large.—As-
sociated Press.

SHANGHAI STRIKE

Shanghai, Feb. 21.
No Chinese language news-
papers appeared on Shanghai's
streets as some 5,000 printers and
compositors of the city's ten
news papers went on strike for
high wages.—Associated Press.

**Understanding
Before Force**

CHENG TU, FEB. 21.
A POWERFUL CHINESE WARLORD WHOSE RUTH-
LESS EXTERMINATION OF BANDITS AND POLI-
TICAL OPPOSITIONISTS HAS KEPT SZECHWAN
PROVINCE IN LINE WITH PRESIDENT CHIANG
KAI-SHEK'S PROGRAMME FOR THE PAST 18
YEARS, YESTERDAY ADVOCATED THE USE OF
A "SOFT HAND" POLICY AGAINST ANTI-GOV-
ERNMENT FORCES.

GENERAL TENG HSI-HOU, BURLY SOLDIER WHO
HOLDS THE PERSONAL ALLEGIANCE OF NEAR-
LY 250,000 CHINESE FIGHTERS, TOLD ASSOCI-
ATED PRESS THAT UNDERSTANDING AND CO-
OPERATION MUST REPLACE FORCE IN BUILD-
ING A MODERN CHINA.

That statement is strange
coming from the lips of the
warlord whose troops were long
known for their ruthless des-
truction of enemies. But the
general appeared to be com-
pletely sincere in his wish that
peace, which has been brought
to China by truce, become per-
manent.

General Teng Hsi-hou said:
"In the old days force was the
only recognised means of argu-
ment in China—and sometimes
that force had to be a little
brutal. But the world is too
modern to continue with force.
I think we can achieve na-
tional unity through education
and understanding."

"The government must use
a soft hand in dealing with its
opponents to make them un-
derstand why China must be united."

HUMBLE ORIGINS

The warlord, who is now in
the late fifties, spoke earnestly
during luncheon served in the
beautiful garden of his Cheng-
tu home. Dressed in a typical
black Chinese gown, he looked
more like a priest than a war-
lord. His close-cropped black
hair is greying but the fire
within him is evident from his
flashing black eyes.

General Teng Hsi-hou's his-
tory is one of hard work and
personal battle to succeed. He
came from a poor home, became
an orphan at an early age and
was raised by an aunt. He
studied three years in the
Nanking military school and
became a young officer. He rose
rapidly and with powerful "per-
sonal" army which for years
ruled the area extending across
Szechwan and to the Tibet
border.

POWERFUL FACTOR

Eighteen years ago, members
of "an association of Chinese
gentry" appealed to the war-
lord for support of the Central
Government's efforts to unify
China. General Teng threw

**Victoria Train
To Cairo**

Cairo, Feb. 20.
The Cairo Express, taking
passengers direct from London
to Cairo, may leave Victoria
Station every evening in the not
too distant future.
Passengers will not have to
change trains anywhere during
the journey. They will cross the
Channel and will stop out on
train ferries and will stop out on
the platform at a Cairo station a
few days after leaving London.
In the winter months, special
coaches will enable passengers to
go on to Luxor and the Valley
of the Kings without a change.
Stops are at present being
taken to call a Middle East Time-
table Conference to plan railway
timetables throughout the area
including through trains between
Turkey and Europe. These can
be extended on into Europe as
reconstruction of bomb and war
destroyed railways makes it pos-
sible to increase traffic on the
railway highways.

The war has already linked
Egypt to Europe by the line built
by the "South Africans under
great difficulties between Haifa
in Palestine, through Beirut in
the Lebanon to Tripoli, where it
links up with Turkish and Bag-
dad Railways.
There is only one weak point
in the Egypt-Turkey route—the
swinging bridge across the Suez
Canal at Fardan. Pleading that
it impedes navigation, the Suez
Canal Company are pressing for
the removal of the bridge. This
would mean that passengers
would again have to cross the
Canal in ferries operated by the
Canal Company.—Reuter.

**MacArthur
Criticised**

New York, Feb. 20.
The New York "Times" edi-
torially expressed doubt as to
the wisdom of General Mac-
Arthur permitting the recent
Japanese celebration of Empire
founding-day.

The paper said that founding
day is inextricably connected in
Japanese minds, to-day with
what has been extolled by Ja-
panese Imperialists as the em-
pire-founding principle which
teaches the Japanese that the
Emperor and the nation are un-
der divine command to extend
their capital until the whole
world is brought under the rule
of the Japanese Emperor.

The "Times" said that "this
converts the celebration from a
manifestation of patriotism to
an exaltation of imperialism,
war and conquest. For that rea-
son one may doubt as to the wis-
dom of permitting the Japanese
to observe such a day under the
eyes of their conquerors."
Enough Japanese have display-
ed enough flags even without of-
ficial prompting to show how
very much alive the old ideas
still are. The Allied approval
of a national celebration ded-
icated to old concepts will scarcely
facilitate the adoption of new
ones.—Associated Press.

**No Serious Conflict
In Shensi To-Day**

SIAN, SHENSI PROVINCE, FEB. 18. (DELETED).
THERE IS PEACE TO-DAY IN THIS HUGE PROVINCE
WHICH WAS SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS BY COM-
MUNIST AND GOVERNMENT CONFLICT DURING
THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR.

TRUE, IT IS AN ARMED PEACE BASED ON THE
CHUNGKING TRUCE, BUT PEOPLE IN THIS AN-
CIENT CITY WHICH FOR MORE THAN A THOU-
SAND YEARS HAS CHINA'S CAPITAL ARE
STRONGLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE TRUCE
WILL BLOSSOM INTO PERMANENT NATIONAL
UNITY.

General Chu Shao-chou,
Governor of Shensi province
said to-day: "There is no serious
conflict within the jurisdic-
tion of this province."

He spoke for the Central and
the Southern sections of the
province which are under Gov-
ernment control and contain
more than eight million of Shen-
si's ten million people. The
remainder are under the juris-
diction of the Chinese Communists
whose Headquarters are located
in Yen-an.

Shensi province probably suf-
fered as much as any Chinese
areas from the civil war which
raged across many parts of the
nation until it was ended by the
representatives of the Commun-
ists and of the Central Govern-
ment with Gen. Marshall at
Chungking.

For many months opposing
lines formed a military and
economic barrier across the pro-
vince. A normal exchange of
people and goods was at a
standstill because of the war.

In addition Shensi was on the
border of the Japanese occupa-
tion area and its people con-
stantly were fighting to keep
the Yellow River. This city it-
self was frequently bombed as
the Japanese struck at an ad-
vanced base of the U.S. Air
Force "West China Raiders".
Japanese fighter-bombers shattered
Japan communications clear to
the coast.

PROBLEM AHEAD

Governor Chu said that
China's unity would become per-
manent if based on faith, con-
fidence and complete compliance
with agreements made by the
Central Government and the
Communist leaders. The biggest
problem ahead, he predicted, is
to force the local military lead-
ers, of both sides, to obey or-
ders from Headquarters. He
said that in many areas, parti-
cularly in the Communist reg-
ions, local groups are not un-
derstanding, are likely to ignore
instructions to cease war activi-
ties.

Chu said the major recon-
struction problem was repair of
the Lung-Hai railroad which
blasts Shensi from West to
East, then extends across Honan
and eastward to the coast. Gov-
ernment forces and American
air fighters blasted the railway
break of war.—Associated Press.

**SAWADA TRIAL
NEXT WEEK**

Shanghai, Feb. 20.
Lieut-General Shikuro Sawada
and three other Japanese officers
will be arraigned early next week
before a five-man military com-
mission on charges of executing
three Doolittle raiders in 1942
after a mock court-martial it was
announced. Sawada commanded
the Japanese 13th Army in
Shanghai when the fliers were
shot down in a cemetery.
The other defendants are Cap-
tain Sotogiro Tetsuzo who com-
manded the prison where the
raiders were held, Captain
Yugai Wako and Lieutenant
Ryuhei Okada, both members of
the court-martial board.
The victims were: Lieutenant
Dean E. Hallmark, Lieutenant
William G. Farrow and Sergeant
Harold A. Spaatz.—Associated
Press.

Salmon, Feb. 20.
Consul Charles Reid arrived
to-day to give the United
States its first diplomatic rep-
resentation in Indo-China in four
years.
Reid was stationed in Indo-
China 2½ years before being
transferred to Hong Kong at the
break of war.—Associated Press.

**BRIDGE
NOTES**

"Perhaps you can make something
clear to us," writes a St. Louis
enthusiast. "We are a group of sixteen
who meet each week, but there's a
lot we still have to learn about the
game. This is the sort of hand that
always gives us the creeping jitters:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
S. K 10 8 7
H. Q 4 8
D. 4
C. K J 9 7 2
S. 4 8
H. A J 10
D. Q J 10
C. 10 6 6
N
W
S
S. 6 5 4
H. 9 8 5
D. A K 8 7
C. 3
S. A Q J 9 6
H. K 7 6 2
D. 9 6
C. A 8

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1B. Pass
2S. Pass Pass Pass
As you can see, there's no way of
defeating four spades, but we couldn't
see any way of getting to four spades.
North isn't strong enough to go to
three spades, and South isn't strong
enough to bid again when North
simply raises to two spades. Isn't
there some way for North to bid
two-and-a-half spades?

Strangely enough, there is a way of
doing that—although the rules of the
game forbid any such bid in so many
words. North should bid two clubs
instead of two spades. If South has
a sound opening bid, he will give
North another chance to bid so North
doesn't have to be in a hurry to raise
the spades. (And if South hasn't a
sound opening bid and consequently
has to pass two clubs the North-South
hands will be too weak for game and
little will have been missed.)

When South bids two spades over
North's response of two clubs, North
can go to three spades. This com-
bination of bids by North—first bid-
ding his own suit and then raising
South's suit—is the easiest way to
show a hand whose strength is about
midway between a single and a double
raise. And once South gets that mes-
sage, he will naturally bid four spades,
since he has substantially more strength
than he needed for his opening bid.

Yesterday you were David Bruce
Burnstone's partner and, with neither
side vulnerable, you held:

S. A K 9 6
H. 7 3 2
D. 6
C. A K 10 4 3

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenken You Jacoby
Pass Pass 1C. Pass
1S. Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This
is a strong invitation (not a force) to
game, and your partner will accept if
he has a King or so in the red suits
in addition to a four-card or five-card
spade suit headed by the Queen. If he
has less than strength, the contract of
three spades will be fairly safe.

Score 100 per cent for three spades,
80 per cent for four spades, 10 per
cent for two spades.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schenken's
partner and, with neither side vulnerable,
you hold:

S. A K 9 6
H. K 8 2
D. 6
C. A K Q 4 3

The bidding:
Schenken Maier You Jacoby
Pass Pass 1C. Pass
1S. Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow).

**BRITISH NOTE TO
GREECE**

London, Feb. 21.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr.
Ernest Bevin, has sent another
note to the Greek Government
reiterating the view that the
Greek elections should be held
on or before March 31, a For-
eign Office spokesman reported.
There is no likelihood of any
further postponement of the
voting, the spokesman added.
A British mission to cooperate
with the French and Americans
in observing the voting has ar-
rived in Athens.—Associated
Press.

"TRUMAN WILL RUN" IN '48

Cleveland, Feb. 20.
Secretary of Commerce Henry
Wallace indicated that he would
not again be vice-presidential
candidate in 1948 because it will
be "necessary to have someone
from another part of the coun-
try."
Asked if he might be candidate
in 1952, Wallace did not run. Wallace
was elected "But Truman is going to
run."—Associated Press.

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SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK, THE ECHOES OF A LARGE EXPLOSION REVERBERATE ROUND THE HILLS IN THE VICINITY OF PING SHAN. R.A.F. QUARRYMEN WITH THEIR CHINESE AND INDIAN EMPLOYEES ARE BLASTING AWAY PERHAPS ANOTHER 1,000 TONS OF ROCK AT CAMP BROOK—SO NAMED AFTER AIR COMMODORE W. A. D. BROOK, C.B.E., AIR OFFICER COMMANDING ROYAL AIR FORCE, HONG KONG.

BOUND FOR OKINAWA WITH AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS OF THE FAMOUS "TIGER FORCE," 4857 QUARRY FLIGHT WAS DIVERTED TO HONG KONG ON THE NEWS OF THE JAPANESE SURRENDER. THE UNIT HAD SERVED WITH THE ARMIES OF LIBERATION IN EUROPE, DEMOLISHING THE OBSTRUCTION RESULTING FROM BOMBING AND PREPARING THE MATERIAL FOR BUILDING AND REPAIR OF AIRSTRIPS FOR ADVANCING R.A.F. BASES.

During the three months since they arrived in Hong Kong, these R.A.F. quarrymen, among them highly qualified engineers and technicians, have quarried a total of 12,000 tons of stone. Beside 7,000 of over-burden-waste material which can also be used in the construction of runways. A daily output of 2,000 tons of stone is the target aimed at for the building of the new airfield. On a peak day recently, 537 tons of stone and 332 tons of overburden were produced.

The unit brought with it stone crushers which are capable of dealing with 280 tons of stone a day. Bulldozers, "diggers" and other plant.

Drilling for insertion of demolition charges is carried out by No. 4856 Well-boring Flight and a shaft to a depth of 80 feet through the rock structure is frequently required. Before blasting operations begin, airmen driving "diggers" engineers working on machines, coolies breaking up lumps of rock—all personnel—are warned by whistle to retire to a safe distance while the charges are detonated. A dust cloud some 200 feet high rises in the air.

LARGEST FALL.

The largest fall of rock in one blast has been 2,500 tons; recently a corner of 1,000 tons was knocked down and the latest job is to blow up a further 2,000 tons. Labouring in the dust, which penetrates into diesel engines and machines and gets into the eyes and lungs—efforts are made to keep it down by water-spraying—these airmen are carrying out a splendid job of work in an isolated spot far from the entertainment facilities of a town. They live in billets overlooking the quarry, and in their off-duty time, play football and bathe in their swimming pool. At week-ends, they have recreational transport into Kowloon—the nearest town.

Personnel of the unit include Flight Lieutenant A. Dunn from Derby, a coal mining engineer in civilian life and Commanding Officer of the Quarry Flight, Flying Officer B. Crowther, B.S.C. from London. Flight Lieutenant R. P. Fletcher, M.A., in charge of the well-boring contingent who comes from Spalding, Lincoln; Flight Sergeant K. V. Badger, plant operator of Farnborough, Kent, who received the B.E.M. for his work in France during construction of the historic Caen bypass, which, built to last for ten days, allowed the American Army to move up rapidly in pursuit of the enemy-fitters, plant operators, drivers, quarrymen, many of whom held the same jobs before joining the R.A.F.

Among visitors to the quarry have been the Supreme Allied Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Admiral Lord Fraser and the Allied Air Commander-in-Chief Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park. Frequent visitors, who take a personal interest in the problems in the Colony, are the Commander-in-Chief Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt and the Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook.

**RUSSIA MAY
BE BARRED**

SAN FRANCISCO, FEB. 21. RUSSIA MAY BE BARRED FROM THE 1948 OLYMPIC GAMES, AVERY BRUNDAGE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SAID TO-DAY.

Facts which might prevent Russian competition are reports, Brundage said, of Government subsidising leading athletes and lack of an organized Russian sports committee with which the International Olympic Federation might deal which is a requirement for participation in the Olympic games.

Brundage declined to comment on the proposed banning of Japan and Germany from the games.—Associated Press.

**New H.K.
Yacht Club**

Yachtsmen will be interested to hear of the forth-coming inauguration of a new Yacht Club in the Colony, to be known as the Royal Hong Kong Naval Yacht Club, which will lease Kellett Island from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The Kellett Island Club House, which was a modern building erected just before the war, was thoroughly looted during the occupation of all portable wood-work and other fittings, and nearly all the yachts have disappeared.

On the arrival of the Royal Navy the premises were requisitioned as a Combined Services Club, and due to the efforts of several ships, notably H.M.S. *Argonaut* and H.M.S. *Deer* Sound, a certain amount of rehabilitation was done.

A number of Naval boats have also been collected and there has been a large muster for sailing races at week-ends.

The premises have to be de-requisitioned on March 1, and in order to carry on the good work until the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club can take over the helm, the new Club is being formed under combined services auspices, and will be inaugurated at a meeting to be held in the Gloucester Building next Wednesday evening. All members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will automatically be members of the new Club on their return to the Colony.

It hangs in this way, by the combined efforts of all the Services and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, to revive yachting in the Colony, but it may be some years before it returns to its former flourishing state owing to the shortage of materials for yacht building.

**Boxing
Tourney**

The following is the programme for the Charity Boxing Tournament to be held at the Lee Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

BANTAM WEIGHT
Stoker Young (H.M.S. Rame Head) v. L.A.C. Miller (R.A.F.).
WELTER WEIGHT
L.A.C. Caffery (R.A.F.) v. Lt. Tunnell (5 Commandos).
A.B. McMurdie (H.M.S. Trafalgar) v. Cpl. Roberts (1 Commandos).

Lt. Col. Ralph (1 Commandos) v. L.A.C. Sharrett (R.A.F.).
A.B. Moore (H.M.S. Tamar) v. Cpl. Valentine (R.A.S.C.).

LIGHT WEIGHT
Stoker Hart (H.M.S. Rame Head) v. Stoker C. Clark (H.M.S. Rame Head).
Stoker T. Clark (H.M.S. Rame Head) v. L.A.C. Miller (R.A.F.).

MIDDLE WEIGHT
Tel. Samerhaves (H.M.S. Talant) v. L.A.C. Evans (R.A.F.).
C.S.M. Smith (44 Commandos) v. L.A.C. Holdsworth (R.A.F.).

HEAVY WEIGHT
C.S.M. Mulholland (1 Commandos) v. Major Miller (South Staffs).

In addition to the above there will be a bout between men from a U.S. club.

LEICESTER'S TROUBLES

Leicester, Feb. 21. There are a number of troubles facing the Leicestershire County Cricket Club. Their ground is being taken over for electricity extensions by the Corporation, and so the county will return to the school playing ground of former years where accommodation is poor.

Leicestershire also have player troubles, and so far the only professional aligned to Le. Berry, G. Dawkins and F. Prentice are still in the forces, and so it is hoped the county will be able to get the assistance of a number of amateurs for the coming season.—Reuter.

Home Football

London, Feb. 20. High winds marred most of the re-arranged football fixtures played to-day.

Blister squalls ruined the game at Ipswich, where the home side drew with Mansfield Town. The big game of the day was at Tottenham, where Aston Villa suffered a serious setback in their quest for the "double" of League Championship and the Football Association Cup. It was their first defeat on a London ground in eight visits to the capital this season. The Hotspsurs were much faster and livelier, and made their rivals look mediocre. The League South table was not affected by the result.

Similarly, in League North Chesterfield, who took one point from their home game with Sheffield Wednesday, do not move up the table. Wednesday led at half-time, but fell away. In the rugby code Cambridge University were defeated by the New Zealand touring team, scoring seven points to the visitors' 15. The Army defeated London by 22 points to 12.

To-day's soccer results are as follow:
League North—Chesterfield 1 Wednesday 1; Blackburn 0 Bolton 1.
League South—Tottenham 3 Villa 0.
Third Div. South-North Region—Ipswich 1 Mansfield 1.
Third Div. North-East Region—York 1 Rotherham 1.
Scottish League Div. B Cup semi-final replay: Airdrie 2 Dundee 1.—Reuter.

**Athlete To
Confess His Sins**

Stockholm, Feb. 21. Gunder Haegge, the Swedish track star who is under investigation by the Swedish Athletic Association for alleged professionalism, told the newspaper "Aftonbladet" in an interview to-day that he intended to "confess my sins."

To-day is the deadline for Haegge and 24 other Swedish trackmen to list all the money they received for racing.

The mile runner earlier had written a letter to the Association denying the accusations of professionalism and maintaining that he had received no more money than he was entitled to. Since then, he told the "Aftonbladet" that "I have given the affair more thought and concluded that the letter was a bit badly thought out."

"Goesta Olander (prominent Swedish trainer) says I should 'go to the kneeling bench' and confess, but at the same time explain how I got aboard the merry-go-round, therefore I decided to write a new letter to the Association and 'confess my sins'."—Associated Press.

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Russia Admits Obtaining Information Noticeable Air Of Tension

OTTAWA, FEB. 21. A RUSSIAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, IVOR GOSSENKO, WHO IS UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY HERE IN THE SPY INVESTIGATION, APPEARED TO THE PRESS LAST AUTUMN IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE BECAUSE "HE KNEW TOO MUCH."

A FORMER REPORTER OF THE "MORNING JOURNAL," ELIZABETH FRASER, TOLD HOF GOSSENKO WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILD WENT INTO THE OFFICE OF THE NEWSPAPER IN DESPERATION SAYING THAT THERE WERE THINGS GOING ON THAT COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER WAR AND THAT HIS SUPERIORS HAD FOUND OUT THAT HE DISAPPROVED.

He said that he was due for disappearance and death but the "justice department" had ignored his appeals.

Miss Fraser said that "there was a ring of stark sincerity in his voice but that his fear and excitement were so frantic that he could easily have been a paranoid convinced of the truth of his delusions."

Meanwhile Canadians waited impatiently for the Government to announce new details of the Soviet collection of secret data in the Dominion in which strategically placed Government employees cooperated on apparently a widespread scale.

The Government was reported to be ready to issue its first official report since the disclosure of the sensational case by Prime Minister Mackenzie King last Friday.

Some members of the Government are known to feel that the blackout imposed on the official release of information has developed unnecessary alarm and they are anxious to have further details published to curb speculation.

NOTICEABLE TENSIONS

The Prime Minister has acquainted the leaders of the two principal opposition parties with much of the case. They are John Bracken of the Progressive Conservatives and J. C. Caldwell of the Socialistic Cooperative Commonwealth Federation.

These leaders are understood to have agreed that further information would be helpful.

There is a noticeable tension on the diplomatic front as a two-man Royal Commission sits in camera hearing how atomic and other scientific secrets were handed over to Soviet agents.

It has not been revealed how high in the Soviet Embassy the investigation has reached.

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RUSSIAN ADMISSION

Russia acknowledged in an official statement broadcast by Moscow radio that Canadian citizens had given "some information of a confidential character" to the Soviet military attaché in Ottawa.

Moscow radio said "commissioner of Foreign Affairs Molotov" had handed to the Canadian representative in Moscow, L. D. Wilkins, the official Soviet Government statement on Prime Minister McKenzie King's declaration of Feb. 15 on the leakage of secret information.

The broadcast charged the Canadian Government had encouraged a campaign in the Canadian press and radio "hostile to the Soviet Union" and asserted "apparently the statement by Mackenzie King (announcing the espionage investigation) and the espionage investigation" present anti-Soviet Canadian present something in the nature of an answer to the unpleasantness caused to the friends of Mackenzie King by the Soviet delegate at the sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations where, the broadcast said, "statements of the Soviet delegation were made in defence of principles of democracy and independence of small countries."

"AMAZED"

The broadcast asserted that "the position taken by the Canadian Government is not compatible with the friendly relations between the two countries," and said "amazement" was caused by the "extraordinary fact that the Canadian Government published its statement on Feb. 15 instead of proceeding through official channels, as is expected between countries maintaining normal relations, by previously seeking an explanation from the Soviet Government."

The Soviet statement said as soon as the Soviet Government knew of the information obtained by members of the staff of the military attaché the latter was recalled from Canada, and as recalled the Soviet Ambassador and other members of the Soviet Embassy in Canada "had no connection whatsoever with the matter."

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Stark Fact

London, Feb. 21. Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express" commenting editorially on the foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, expressed hope that the discussions will lead to improvement of relations between Britain and Russia.

The "Express" said: "We must face the plain stark fact there can be no guarantee of world peace unless Britain, Russia and the United States can work together in full harmony."

—Associated Press.

Boogie Woogie Popular

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE KINGS THEATRE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE RECORD-BREAKING POPULARITY OF THEIR CURRENT ATTRACTION, THE TECHNICOLOUR-MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA "BATHING BEAUTY."

The film has now been showing 20 days and is still drawing full houses. Ernst Lubitsch's "The Love Parade," first screened here at the opening of the Central Theatre in 1929, is the only other film that has ever had a run here of two weeks.

Starring Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, "The Love Parade" featured several songs that remained popular for years afterwards.

The current popularity of "Bathing Beauty" is perhaps to be explained by its "boogie-woogie" features and swimming pool symphonies. A good deal of the film is divided up between Harry James and his Music Makers and Xavier Cugat and his Orchestra.

Red Skelton gives a memorable impression of a coed's mannerisms on rising from her bed of slumber in response to the suggestion that men look silly when waking up.

Another "great" attraction, of course, is Esther Williams, once a star sprinter in the world of amateur swimming and a very shapely Miss whom the cameramen follow for thousands of feet in "Bathing Beauty" close-ups as much on terra firma as in the swimming pool. In every odd moment, she is forced out of almost every known musical instrument but the harp.

GOERING WAS A LOOTER

Nuernberg, Feb. 21. The Soviet prosecution showed yesterday that the Nazis had set out systematically to loot every corner of Europe, and as Hermann Goering expressed intention to plunder Europe, as it had never been plundered before.

The only point that interested me," they quoted Goering as saying, "is what we can squeeze out of the territory now under our control."

Goering, who is number one among the 22 Nazi leaders on trial, smiled as the prosecutor began reading a stenographic record of his demand in 1942 that the German administrators drop every human consideration in the interests of plundering. But the smile soon faded.

He heard himself telling the administrators:

"It makes no difference to me if you say that you people will starve. Let them starve a single German from starvation."

Goering, said that the Russians, called for the ruinous inflation of French currency, and described Hollanders who collaborated with the Reich as "blockheaded Dutchmen."

—Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 21. Major-General Harold Gilbert, director of the military personnel procurement service of the Adjutant-General's office, said that the regular army has shattered all enlistment records in the nation's history by recruiting 534,000 men during the first four months of an intensive drive.

—Associated Press.

to call attention to the "unbridled campaign hostile to the Soviet Union which was carried in the Canadian press and on the Canadian radio," after the first Canadian Government statement on secret leakages. The attitude adopted by the Canadian Government, "directly calculated to encourage a campaign hostile to the Soviet Union," was, the statement continued, "incompatible with normal relations between two countries."

—Reuter.

Marines Reduced In Rank

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 21. Three non-commissioned officers were reduced to private rank for participation in a protest against the Marine Corps discharge policy. Lt. General Roy Geiger's Headquarters announced today.

The announcement said that they "failed to display qualities of leadership, judgment, loyalty and fidelity, which are the requisites of the non-commissioned of the Marine Corps."

The Board found that the Marines had participated in composing, signing and obtaining signatures on a petition regarding the Marine Corps discharge policy and other pertinent orders; that such action was taken without knowledge or consent of their commanding officer and that no previous effort to obtain the information desired had been made through official channels.

—Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

Cairo, Feb. 21. The first semi-official estimate put the day's casualties in the attack on the Kaer El Nil barracks at seven killed and more than 50 injured.

British troops in full battle order stood ready inside, lined up beside heavy armoured vehicles.

Earlier, machine-gun fire had rattled from barrack windows as the British soldiers attempted to save their wooden-roofed quarters from demolition by the burning torches, stones and anything else that could be lifted and thrown by several hundred Egyptian demonstrators, who shouted anti-British slogans.

—Reuter.

New Delhi, Feb. 21. One thousand men of the Royal Indian Air Force at Bombay struck today to "express their sympathy" with "the striking" Indian naval men.

The Military Police were called in by the Authorities at one camp. A clash followed in which British troops used lathis (bamboo staves) and the airmen stones. In the end the British troops were withdrawn and the airmen formed a procession and went along the city's streets, shouting slogans.

At Karachi, the Military and civilian police have seized all launches in Karachi harbour. A British naval vessel berthed near His Majesty's Indian ship Hindgatan, manned her guns as a precautionary measure.

—Reuter.

New Delhi, Feb. 21. An official communiqué issued at General Headquarters in India today said that men of His Majesty's ship Hindgatan at Karachi took control of their ship this morning and "opened indiscriminate fire with all weapons at their disposal from four inch guns to small arms."

Towards evening, a single R.A.F. bomber roared over Bombay harbour and then directly over His Majesty's Indian ship, 20 of which were reported to be under the control of the striking Indian ratings. After making what seemed to be a reconnaissance of the harbour, the plane flew off again.

It was officially announced here today that strong naval, military and air force reinforcements are on their way to Bombay and Karachi where striking Indian naval ratings had fired on the military. It was also added that reinforcements were on their way to Poona.

In Karachi, the strikers aboard the ship Hindgatan signalled at 5.00 p.m. that they would open fire on the military again if their demands were not conceded. The ratings had opened fire with two naval guns when the military police fired on them.

—Reuter.

Secret

Melbourne, Feb. 21. It was disclosed yesterday that British warships have been carrying secret cargoes of tons of British gold to the United Kingdom since the end of the war.

The announcement came as an aircraft repair ship "Pioneer" took aboard 22 tons of gold bars worth £5,000,000 which had been stored in Australia for Britain and Holland during the war.

—Associated Press.

T.B. Offer To Britain

London, Feb. 21. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, answering a question in the House of Commons, said that as a result of the generous offer recently made to the Minister of Health through the Swiss Minister here, the Minister of Health and Minister of Pensions were considering possible arrangements for treatment in Switzerland of a certain number of tuberculosis cases.

The question was whether in view of the increase of tuberculosis in Great Britain, the British Government would consider approaching the Swiss Authorities to ascertain the possibility of taking over on account of tuberculosis the German-owned tuberculosis sanatoria at Wolfsgang and Davos Dorf.

Mr. Bevin added that the last suggestion required careful consideration.

—Reuter.

Appeal To Unions

London, Feb. 21. An appeal to British trade unions and labour and cooperative organisations to help to prevent Spanish Fascism from ruining the Spanish people has been addressed today by the Spanish Republican headquarters in London.

The statement says: "The men whom France puts to death are the best friends the British people ever had in Spain." The statement also says that a wave of death sentences and executions is at present sweeping Spain.

Four Republican Spaniards are said to have been shot at the prison of Alcala de Henares; that executions have recently taken place in the Alcabete prison and that a lieutenant-colonel in the French Forces of the Interior has been condemned to death with nine others by a trial which was held in resolute secrecy.

—Reuter.

Jews Object To Nazis

Jerusalem, Feb. 21. The Palestine Government said that forced German labour from prison camps would be used to construct military camps and buildings in the Gaza district in the southern part of the country.

The announcement is understood to have resulted in a cable protest from Jewish Labour Party leaders to the British Labour Party.

The announcement quoted the Army authorities as saying that the use of forced German labour was a necessity "in the present circumstances." A previous, denied, report provoked protest in the Hebrew press and from the clandestine radio.

—Associated Press.

France's Unprecedented Racial Law

PARIS, FEB. 21. FRANCE'S COMMITTEE WORKING ON A CONSTITUTION FOR THE FOURTH REPUBLIC HAS ADOPTED A VIRTUALLY UNPRECEDENTED PROVISION MAKING ALL PROPAGANDA FOR RACIAL AND SIMILAR DISCRIMINATION A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFENSE.

A part of a draft to be proposed to the Constituent Assembly for submission to referendum, the propaganda provision read: "All propaganda attempting to have such differences (sex, age, colour, nationality, religion, opinions or ethical or other origins) established between individuals or groups of individuals shall be punished by laws."

Another article of the draft adopted today stated that "French citizens must serve the Republic, defend it at the cost of their lives, participate in the common good by their labour and aid each other fraternally."

The other articles established the right to vote of all men and women at the age of 20, men

CEREMONY AT THE VATICAN

LONDON, FEB. 21. POPE PIUS XII TOLD HIS NEWLY ENLARGED COLLEGE OF CARDINALS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT THE CONCEPT OF THE CHURCH AS A TEMPORAL POWER WAS "ENTIRELY FALSE. THE CHURCH IS NOT AN EMPIRE IN THE SENSE NOW ATTACHED TO THIS WORD," SAID THE POPE, "BUT SEEKS MAN ITSELF."

SPEAKING OVER THE VATICAN RADIO HEARD HERE BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE POPE DECLARED THAT THE CHURCH "CONTRIBUTES TO THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD," AND COMPARING ITS ROLE WITH THAT OF TEMPORAL IMPERIALISM, QUOTED POPE PIUS XI AS SAYING THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT BE CALLED UPON TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL CAN ACCOMPLISH BY HIMSELF.

Speaking to the newly elected cardinals from a throne in the Hall of Benedictions, the Pope said: "Only the Church can conduct man back to the light and assure his safety for the future. The Church, like a mother, assembles all her children all over the world and embraces humanity."

"It is the Church which rises today in this torn world like a signal, because without God there cannot be among men real unity. The unity and supra-nationality of the Church have been put in evidence by this present meeting."

Speaking of temporal powers as distinct from the Church, the Pope said:

THE HUMAN BEING

"So-called internal order is based entirely on compromise among various groups" but "the universality of the Church puts the human being in the centre of the structure."

Commenting on "this poor world in which hunger is so prevalent," the Pope began his broadcast in Italian at 1723 hours, after he had placed himself on the heads of 29 of the 32 new cardinals created at the secret consistory on Monday.

He spoke of the transfer of populations caused by the war as being "unfortunately frequent, but the divine hand uses this misfortune to lead many people back to the Church."

"Does not the Church still contribute to the stability of human society?" he asked. "The weak rest in safety."

"Let us have faith in the Church. If everything around it crumbles, it remains unshaken. The Church today more than ever must reject the conception that it must retire within the secrecy of its temples."

"Let us love the Church, the really supra-national Church, and let us make nations of all men and all nations."

The Pope spoke for about 30 minutes after which he gave his newly elected princes of the Church his apostolic blessing.

BRETHERN CEREMONY

Earlier His Holiness imposed barettes upon 29 of the 32 new cardinals he created this week in a ceremony of brilliant colour in the Benediction Hall.

As the Pope entered, the audience of laymen in white ties and tails and women with black crepe veils over their heads and some uniformed Allied servicemen broke into loud cries of acclamation.

The people stood on benches and clapped while the Pope

chair proceeded down the middle aisle of the Chamber and came to rest before the throne.

The new cardinals had changed into the ceremonial robes of their new office in the famed Sistine Chapel and the first to enter the hall was the dean, the Patriarch of Cilicia, Armenia, Agagianian, who also the first to have placed upon his head the four-cornered silk biretta.

Accompanied by three attendants, the cardinals moved a long compact procession down the middle aisle and each in quick succession knelt before the Pope. They then took the places assigned to them in a semicircle of gilt chairs ranged before the Papal throne.

SACRED RELIC

Around the crimson sea of cardinals were 40 Swiss Guards in the gold and blue striped uniforms designed by Michael Angelo with their long spears and metal helmets, the Vatican court dignitaries in black knee breeches, black capes and Elizabethan ruff collars and wearing silver swords, and Vatican gendarmes in blue uniforms with red plumed hats.

Amid this colour each of the new cardinals first inclined to kiss the sacred relic contained in a precious stone on the Pope's slipper and then knelt. The Papal attendants removed the Bishop's pastoral cross hanging from his neck on a golden and green chain and replaced it with the other cross hanging from gold and red chain.

Then they placed a short cape over his shoulders and the Pope, taking the biretta from another attendant, placed the head of the cardinal. The cardinal then removed the biretta and the Pope, placing hands on both cheeks.

In the audience were United States Army chaplains in uniform, tonsured monks, Chinese priests, and a large scattering of demure nuns.

There were a few frantic last-minute preparations as electricians crawled along narrow ledges adjusting the arrangement of the microphone while a voice bawled in resonant Italian testing the instrument for the Pope's speech.

—Associated Press.

RADIO

FRIDAY, FEB. 22nd, 1946. STUDIO-ROXY LEE (VOCAL) WITH TAYONG ABELARDO AT THE PIANO.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Hertz and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.59 Megacycles.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.33 p.m.—Light and Humorous Variety Program.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—J. B. Squire Celebrate Octet.

1.30 p.m.—Ballet Music—"Fest" (Gounod); "Le Cid" (Massenet).

2.00 p.m.—Glee Song—"The Band-wagon".

6.30 p.m.—The Maxwell Elgers and The Band-wagon.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—Melody Lingers On.—BNSA.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Roxy Lee (Vocal) with Tayong Abelardo at the Piano.

7.50 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

8.00 p.m.—"Forces Request Hour".

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—"Service Music" Hall.—BNSA.

9.35 p.m.—Jelen & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

10.30 p.m.—Otto Uobinski and His Piano Symphonies.

10.45 p.m.—J. Pollock and His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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